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Dear Friends,

If there's anything that this week's United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA) strike is teaching us, it's that even while we have important differences, what unites us is even more powerful and we have great potential to improve kids' lives. We agree that funding for public schools should grow, and Sacramento needs to act to do more for our most vulnerable students. We agree that teachers, nurses, librarians and counselors do some of the most important and difficult work out there and that they deserve more support from our communities, districts and the state. And we agree that all students need a learning environment that helps them thrive.



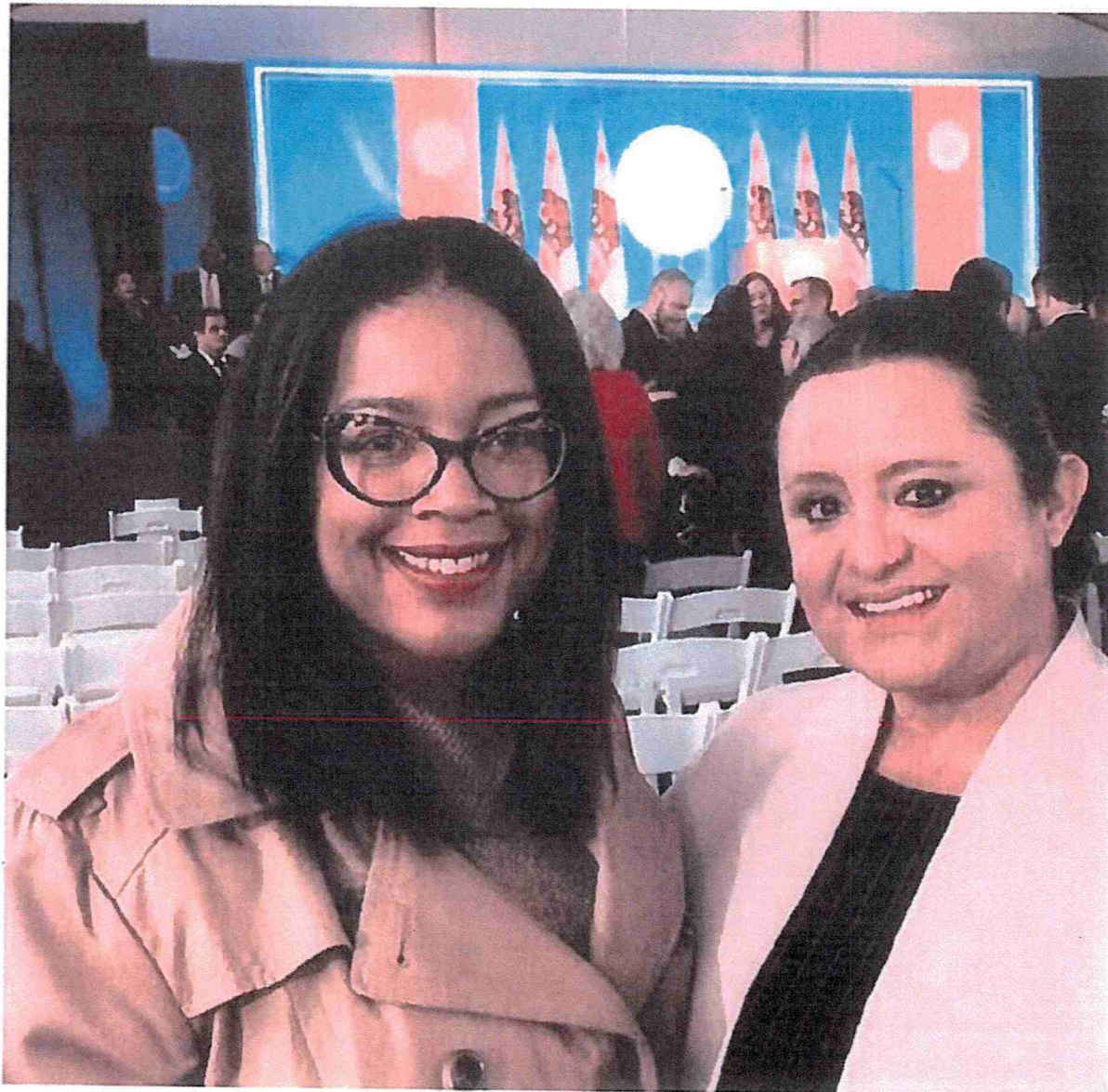
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While charter schools are not part of contract negotiations between LAUSD and UTLA, we join the chorus of voices encouraging these groups to come to a quick resolution, so we can focus our collective energy on the priorities we share. Los Angeles charter and district public schools are not alone. Across the state, districts are in fiscal crisis. We have an opportunity to march together in Sacramento on March 13 on behalf of all public schools to increase statewide investment for our most vulnerable students. [Register here to join us!](#)

We must continue putting kids' needs first and not allow political posturing or injudicious emotions to cloud the conversation. I encourage you to read our [press release from Tuesday](#) and my [letter to UTLA President Alex Caputo-Pearl](#), both of which call out many

on these points and more. We also created a [landing page for the media](#) with resources related to the strike and charter schools.

Last week, Governor Newsom released his first proposed state budget. This is a visionary expression of the Governor's values--a people-first budget that is an important step to improving the lives of California's children, while prudently watching for a less sunny economic forecast. CCSA looks forward to working with Governor Newsom on problems big and small to make this happen. For more on our response to the proposed budget, read our [press release](#).



As my first full week ends, I am filled with optimism, inspiration, and an unequivocal understanding that we've got a lot of meaningful work ahead of us in keeping the doors of opportunity, achievement and equity open for all kids.

And as I look ahead to what 2019 will bring, CCSA will work tirelessly to lead with our stories, unique mission and the role we play in public education. We will carve our path with a clear-eyed sense of the difficult but ultimately rewarding struggle we're part of to ensure ALL kids in California have excellent options in charter schools and beyond.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Don't miss the upcoming (free) CDE Webinars next week!

The California Department of Education (CDE) will host three 90-minute webinars on three consecutive Tuesdays beginning January 22. These webinars will cover the School Plan for Student Achievement, Local Control Funding Formula Budget Overview for Parents, and changes to the Plan Summary of the Local Control and Accountability Plan.

CCSA's Winter Business Managers' Meetings begin next week!

Wondering about the Governor's January Budget Proposal and how the state's financial situation will impact your school? In CCSA's Business Managers' meetings beginning on January 23, we will cover the current funding rates, updates on proposed changes, information on state and federal categorical programs - plus legislative and regulatory updates.

State agency holding webinar on concentration grant funding

The California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE) is holding a webinar on January 24 on financial planning for services directed at unduplicated students. Get all your questions answered in this free online event.

CCSACon: Ring in the new year by registering for conference

Start the new year off right by registering to attend the charter event of the year. The 26th Annual California Charter Schools conference provides an incredible opportunity to learn, network and celebrate the charter movement in California.

Teacher Credentialing Workshops Coming Soon!

Do you have questions about the necessary credential requirements for hiring teachers under ESSA? This workshop will walk attendees through the necessary credentialing requirements for hiring teachers under ESSA.

View CCSA's **Calendar of Events** to view more.

RESOURCES

Leaders be on the lookout: Schools to be identified for ESSA Support and Intervention by end of January

The state will release a list of schools which qualify for ESSA support and intervention during the month of January, 2019. Schools will be identified for one of two kinds of support and intervention: comprehensive or additional.

CCSA Answers: How do we receive in lieu of property tax funding for students residing in other districts, but attending our charter school?

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

DTE Energy Foundation Grant

Apply by February 1 for funding to support programs for at-risk and disadvantaged youth, and to obtain hands-on, real-world education for obtaining living wage jobs through support of key STEM initiatives.

Learn about additional grant opportunities below, and on our [Grants webpage](#).

California Career Technical Education Incentive Grant

Deadline: January 25, 2019

Sam Mazza Foundation Grant

Deadline: February 1, 2019

Bessie Minor Swift Foundation Grant

Deadline: February 15, 2019

UPCOMING DEADLINES

Charter School Attendance Data due

January 15, 2019

This data is to be submitted via the 2018-19 Principal Apportionment Data Collection Software.

View the **Planning Calendar** for more upcoming deadlines.

Want to share something with California's charter public school community in a future newsletter? Email communications@ccsa.org.

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